

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-34 (cancelled)

35. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 2, 95, ~~further comprising~~
wherein step (b) comprises the step of:

(~~d~~) (e) systematically entering into said database ideas contributed for entry into said database without requiring any contributor of said ideas to have subject matter expertise as a prerequisite for entry of said contributions.

Claims 36-38 (canceled)

39. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 2, 95, further comprising
the step of:

(~~d~~) (e) requiring persons to enter into a membership as a prerequisite for viewing a portion of said database containing at least some of said accumulated ideas.

40. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 2, 95, further comprising
the step of:

(~~d~~) (e) requiring contributors of ideas for prospective entry into said database to enter into a membership as a prerequisite for contributing ideas for entry into said database.

Claim 41 (canceled)

42. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 2, 95, further comprising the step of:

(d) (e) auctioning at least some right under the patent rights to at least some inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas.

43. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 2, 95, further comprising the step of:

(d) (e) recording a time of receipt of each idea contributed for entry into said database.

44. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 2, 95, further comprising the step of:

(d) (e) recording a time of publication in said database of each accumulated idea.

Claims 45 and 46 (cancelled)

47. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 2, 95, further comprising the step of:

(d) (e) enabling ideas contributed to said database to be integrated within said database to thereby facilitate derivation of inventions from said integrated ideas.

Claims 48-82 (canceled)

83. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 2, 95, wherein said ~~contingent economic gain~~ stock includes shares of stock in a proprietor of said database or a party in concert with the database proprietor.

84. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 2, 95, wherein step (e) (d) is in exchange for acquiring or facilitating transfer of at least some of said property rights.

Claims 85-94 (canceled)

95. (new) A method of managing rights related to ideas for prospectively patentable inventions, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving ideas for prospectively patentable inventions by on-line communications from contributors of said ideas, wherein said contributed ideas include problems or needs to be solved by inventions;

(b) accumulating said received ideas in a computer database;

(c) utilizing a computer system to effect transfers of property rights to inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas that include said problems or needs respectively contributed by said contributors, wherein said transfers are to transferees other than said contributors whom respectively contributed said problems or needs;

(d) selling at least some right under the patent rights to at least some of said derived inventions; and

(e) providing economic gain of stock, bonds, cash or rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors of said problems or needs.

96. (new) A method according to Claim 95, wherein step (c) comprises effecting said transfers of property rights from said contributors of problems or needs whom contribute only said problems or needs.

97. (new) A method according to Claim 96, wherein step (e) comprises providing said economic gain to said contributors whom contribute only said problems or needs.

98. (new) A method according to Claim 95, wherein step (e) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors whom contribute only said problems or needs.

99. (new) A method according to Claim 95, wherein step (e) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors of said problems or needs.

100. (new) A method according to Claim 95, wherein at least some of said transfers are to a proprietor of said database or to a party in concert with said proprietor.

101. (new) A method according to Claim 95, wherein step (c) comprises the step of:

(e) utilizing a computer system to establish obligations by said contributors of problems or needs to transfer said property rights.

102. (new) A method according to Claim 95, wherein step (c) comprises the step of:

(e) establishing obligations by said contributors of problems or needs to transfer said property rights by utilizing a computer system that is programmed to facilitate said transfers by on-line communications with contributor computers.

103. (new) A method according to Claim 95, further comprising the step of:

(e) enabling ideas contributed to said database to be integrated by said contributors within said database to thereby facilitate derivation of inventions from said integrated ideas.

104. (new) A method according to Claim 47, wherein step (e) comprises the step of:

(f) providing access links between problem or need ideas and solution ideas received from contributors of said solution ideas.

105. (new) A method of managing rights related to ideas for prospectively patentable inventions, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving ideas for prospectively patentable inventions by on-line communications from contributors of said ideas, wherein said contributed ideas include problems or needs to be solved by inventions;

(b) accumulating said received ideas in a computer database;

(c) utilizing a computer system to effect transfers of property rights to inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas that include said problems or needs respectively contributed by said contributors, wherein said transfers are to transferees other than said contributors whom respectively contributed said problems or needs;

(d) recording a time of publication in said database of each accumulated idea; and

(e) providing economic gain of stock, bonds, cash or rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors of said problems or needs.

106. (new) A method according to Claim 105, wherein step (e) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors of said problems or needs.

107. (new) A method of managing rights related to ideas for prospectively patentable inventions, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving ideas for prospectively patentable inventions by on-line communications from contributors of said ideas, wherein said contributed ideas include problems or needs to be solved by inventions;

(b) accumulating said received ideas in a computer database;

(c) utilizing a computer system to establish obligations by said contributors of problems or needs to transfer property rights to inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas that include said problems or needs contributed by said contributors, wherein said transfers are to transferees other than said contributors whom respectively contribute said problems or needs, and wherein said obligations are established as a prerequisite to contributing problems or needs, and

(d) providing economic gain of stock, bonds, cash or rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors of said problems or needs.

108. (new) A method according to Claim 107, wherein step (c) includes utilizing the computer system to establish said obligations on at least the part of said contributors of problems or needs whom contribute only said problems or needs.

109. (new) A method according to Claim 108, wherein step (d) comprises providing said economic gain to said contributors whom contribute only said problems or needs.

110. (new) A method according to Claim 108, wherein step (d) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors whom contribute only said problems or needs.

111. (new) A method according to Claim 107, wherein step (d) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors whom contribute only said problems or needs.

112. (new) A method according to Claim 107, wherein step (d) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors of said problems or needs.

113. (new) A method according to Claim 107, wherein the computer system is programmed to establish said obligations by on-line communications with contributor computers.

114. (new) A method according to Claim 107, wherein step (b) comprises the step of:

(e) systematically entering into said database ideas contributed for entry into said database without requiring any contributor of said ideas to have subject matter expertise as a prerequisite for entry of said contributions.

115. (new) A method according to Claim 107, further comprising the step of:

(e) requiring persons to enter into a membership as a prerequisite for viewing a portion of said database containing at least some of said accumulated ideas.

116. (new) A method according to Claim 107, further comprising the step of:

(e) requiring contributors of ideas for prospective entry into said database to enter into a membership as a prerequisite for contributing ideas for entry into said database.

117. (new) A method according to Claim 107, further comprising the step of:

(e) auctioning at least some right under the patent rights to at least some inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas.

118. (new) A method according to Claim 107, further comprising the step of:

(e) recording a time of receipt of each idea contributed for entry into said database.

119. (new) A method according to Claim 107, further comprising the step of:

(e) recording a time of publication in said database of each accumulated idea.

120. (new) A method according to Claim 107, further comprising the step of:

(e) enabling ideas contributed to said database to be integrated within said database to thereby facilitate derivation of inventions from said integrated ideas.

121. (new) A method according to Claim 120, wherein step (e) comprises the step of:

(f) providing access links between problem or need ideas and solution ideas received from contributors of said solution ideas.

122. (new) A method according to Claim 107, further comprising the step of:

(e) enabling ideas contributed to said database to be integrated by said contributors within said database to thereby facilitate derivation of inventions from said integrated ideas.

123. (new) A method according to Claim 107, wherein said stock includes shares of stock in a proprietor of said database or a party in concert with the database proprietor.

124. (new) A method according to Claim 107, wherein step (d) is in exchange for acquiring or facilitating transfer of at least some of said property rights.

125. (new) A method of managing rights related to an idea for a prospectively patentable invention, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving an idea for a prospectively patentable invention by an on-line communication from a contributor of said idea, wherein said contributed idea is a problem and/or a need to be solved by one or more inventions;

(b) accumulating said received idea in a computer database;

(c) utilizing a computer system to effect a transfer of property rights to inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas that include said problem or need contributed by said contributor, wherein said transfer is to a transferee other than said contributor;

(d) selling at least some right under the patent rights to at least some of said derived inventions; and

(e) providing economic gain of stock, bonds, cash or rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributor of said problem and/or need.

126. (new) A method according to Claim 125, wherein step (c) includes effecting said transfer of property rights from a said contributor of problems or needs whom contributes only said problems or needs.

127. (new) A method according to Claim 126, wherein step (e) comprises providing said economic gain to a said contributor whom contributes only said problems or needs.

128. (new) A method according to Claim 126, wherein step (e) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to a said contributor whom contributes only said problems or needs.

129. (new) A method according to Claim 125, wherein step (e) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to a said contributor whom contributes only said problems or needs.

130. (new) A method according to Claim 125, wherein step (e) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributor of said problems or needs.

131. (new) A method according to Claim 125, wherein step (c) comprises the step of:

(e) utilizing a computer system to establish an obligation by said contributor of said problem or need to transfer said property rights.

132. (new) A method according to Claim 125, wherein step (c) comprises the step of:

(e) establishing an obligations by said contributor of said problem and/or need to transfer said property rights by utilizing a computer system that is programmed to facilitate said transfer by on-line communication with a contributor computer.

133. (new) A computer readable storage medium(media), comprising computer executable instructions for causing a computer(s) to manage rights related to ideas for prospectively patentable inventions, wherein the instructions cause the computer(s) to perform the steps of:

(a) receiving ideas for prospectively patentable inventions by on-line communications from contributors of said ideas, wherein said contributed ideas include problems or needs to be solved by inventions;

(b) accumulating said received ideas in a computer database;

(c) effecting transfers of property rights to inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas that include said problems or needs respectively contributed by said contributors, wherein said transfers are to transferees other than said contributors whom respectively contributed said problems or needs;

(d) selling at least some right under the patent rights to at least some of said derived inventions; and

(e) providing economic gain of stock, bonds, cash or rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors of said problems or needs.

134. (new) A computer readable storage medium(media)according to Claim 133, wherein step (c) includes effecting said transfers of property rights from said contributors of problems or needs whom contribute only said problems or needs.

135. (new) A computer readable storage medium(media)according to Claim 134, wherein step (e) comprises providing said economic gain to said contributors whom contribute only said problems or needs.

136. (new) A computer readable storage medium(media)according to Claim 133, wherein step (e) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors whom contribute only said problems or needs.

137. (new) A computer readable storage medium(media)according to Claim 133, wherein step (e) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors of said problems or needs.

138. (new) A computer readable storage medium(media), comprising computer executable instructions for causing a computer(s) to manage rights related to ideas for prospectively patentable inventions, wherein the instructions cause the computer(s) to perform the steps of:

(a) receiving ideas for prospectively patentable inventions by on-line communications from contributors of said ideas, wherein said contributed ideas include problems or needs to be solved by inventions;

(b) accumulating said received ideas in a computer database;

(c) establishing obligations by said contributors of problems or needs to transfer property rights to inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas that

include said problems or needs contributed by said contributors, wherein said transfers are to transferees other than said contributors whom respectively contribute said problems or needs, and wherein said obligations are established as a prerequisite to contributing problems or needs, and

(d) providing economic gain of stock, bonds, cash or rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors of said problems or needs.

139. (new) A computer readable storage medium(media)according to Claim 138, wherein step (c) includes utilizing the computer system to establish said obligations on at least the part of said contributors of problems or needs whom contribute only said problems or needs.

140. (new) A computer readable storage medium(media)according to Claim 139, wherein step (d) comprises providing said economic gain or said rights to a portion of anticipated income to said contributors whom contribute only said problems or needs.

141. (new) A computer readable storage medium(media)according to Claim 138, wherein step (d) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors whom contribute only said problems or needs.

142. (new) A computer readable storage medium(media)according to Claim 138, wherein step (d) comprises providing rights to a portion of anticipated income derived from said property rights to said contributors of said problems or needs.